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CITY OF MODESTO

City Beat

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Going Green with Recycling in 2013!

It's easy to go green in the City of Modesto! Modesto offers residents a variety of ways to reduce, reuse and recycle their waste items. The following is a summary of the garbage and recycling programs available to all Modesto residents and businesses. "Residential" garbage customers are defined as having black and green waste containers while "commercial" garbage customers have dumpsters.

Organic Waste (Residential):

Residents should fill their green organic waste containers with small prunings, grass clippings, leaves, weeds, all forms of food waste, cardboard and paper waste. Paper waste includes newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail, paper towels and napkins, etc. All the material is recycled into compost at the City's Compost Facility. Please, do not put plastic bags, dirt, sod, rocks, concrete, animal feces, household garbage or wood in your green container.

Buy Back Centers (Residential & Commercial):

Residents can recycle their California Redemption Value (CRV) beverage containers and some scrap items at any of our many convenient buy back centers. For a complete list of locations call 1 (800) RECYCLE or visit www.modestogov.com/prnd/recycling/buyback.asp.

Bulky Item Collection (Residential):

Modesto residents can dispose of large household items at the curb two times per calendar year for free. Call your garbage company for an appointment; place the items in the street the night before the appointment. No items will be picked up without an appointment. For safety purposes, remove doors from all large appliances. Take care not to block fire hydrants, storm drains, etc. Call the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494 for program restrictions.

Pruned Refuse – Leaf Collection (Residential):

Large prunings are picked up January through November from your street or alley. Prunings should be less than six feet in length and no single piece should weigh over 50

pounds. Place materials one foot from the curb or fence. Dirt, sod grass clippings and concrete will not be picked up. The city is divided into four service areas; set out and pick up times depend on your location. Most of the materials are sent to the Compost Facility for processing. Visit www.modestogov.com/prnd/trees/green_waste.asp or call the Green Waste Division at (209) 577-5463 to determine the schedule for your area.

December is leaf season only; pruned refuse will not be collected. Leaves are collected from the street only. Piles of leaves with pruned refuse mixed in will not be collected.

Used Oil Recycling (Residential):

Modesto residents can recycle up to four gallons of used oil each week, free. Collection is by appointment only. Call your garbage company and make an appointment. Pour the oil into a plastic container with a screw-top lid. Do not mix the oil with any other materials. Place the jugs on your driveway near your house or garage, NOT AT CURBSIDE, by 6 A.M. on the appointed day. Residents can also recycle used oil at any of Modesto's Certified Collection Centers. Call (209) 577-5493 for details.

Household Hazardous Waste (Residential & Commercial):

All area residents and "registered small quantity generator businesses" can dispose of hazardous materials at the Stanislaus County HHW Facility. Materials such as paint, solvents, used oil, batteries, brake fluid, antifreeze, fluorescent lights, and electronic devices (computers, monitors, TV's, VCR's, etc) cannot be put in the garbage and must be disposed of properly. The Facility is located at 1710 Morgan Rd. and is open Friday and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. for free residential disposal opportunities. Please call (209) 525-6789 for more information.

If you have questions about these or any other garbage or recycling programs, please contact the Solid Waste Office at (209) 577-5494.

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2013 EARTH DAY

Modesto will be celebrating its 24th Annual Earth Day in the Park Festival at Graceada Park on:

Saturday, April 20, 2013

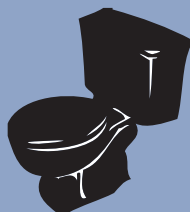
If you are interested in being an event sponsor, entertainer or vendor please contact the Solid Waste Management Office at (209) 577-5494. Businesses and organizations that are focused on the environment and offer green solutions to the environmental issues of today are welcome to participate.

2013 HIGH EFFICIENCY TOILET RESIDENTIAL REBATE PROGRAM

Did you know toilets are the biggest water user in your home! They account for nearly 30% of a home's indoor water use. If you replace an "old water guzzler" with a new "Water-Sense" labeled high efficiency model it can decrease your water use by 11 gallons per toilet each day.

City of Modesto Residential Customers in single and multi-family homes may be eligible for a rebate when replacing an old high-water-use toilet.

For more information on this program please call (209) 342-2262 or visit: www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/conservation.



Year-round watering schedule for City of Modesto customers.

	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
IF YOUR ADDRESS IS...	ODD	DO NOT WATER	EVEN	ODD	EVEN	ODD	EVEN
MIDNIGHT TO NOON	WATER		WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER
NOON – 7:00 PM			DO NOT WATER				
7:00 PM – MIDNIGHT	WATER		WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER	WATER

ODD NUMBERED ADDRESSES END IN 1, 3, 5, 7, 9
EVEN NUMBERED ADDRESSES END IN 0, 2, 4, 6, 8

For more information or to report water waste, call (209) 342-2246.

<http://www.modestogov.com/pwd/utilities/water/conservation/>

SEE IT

SEE SOMETHING SUSPICIOUS

SAY IT

SAY SOMETHING TO THE POLICE



Modesto Police Department
600 10th Street, Modesto, CA
www.modestopolice.com

REPORT SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY IMMEDIATELY:

(209) 552-2470

FOR EMERGENCIES CALL:

911

Due to the nature of mailing the City Beat with the utility water bills, some of the events/programs may have already occurred.